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In re: Application of WARREN M. FABEL

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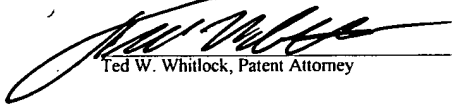
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For: SINGLE SIDE IMAGED POSTAL FORM ASSEMBLY

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Request for Interference Under 37 CFR 1.607

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgment of the election to pursue claims 1-40 in response to the Restriction Requirement issued in the above-identified application and hereby responds to the Miscellaneous Office Letter dated January 18, 2000.

Herein are set forth the requirements of the pertinent sections of 37 CFR 1.607:

Patents [37 CFR 1.607(a)(1)]

The patents for which a declaration of Interference is being sought are:

US Patent No. 5,664,725 issued September 9, 1997 to Walz;

US Patent No. 5,746,450 issued May 5, 1998 to Petkovsek; and

US Patent No. 5,697,648 issued December 16, 1997 to Petkovsek.

Proposed Counts [37 CFR 1.607(a)(2)]

Count I:-

A mailing form, comprising:

first and second superimposed sheets, each sheet having an inner face facing the other sheet and an outer face;

the first sheet having a plurality of detachable areas which are detachable from the remainder of the first sheet, each detachable area having an adhesive backing facing said second sheet;

the first and second sheets being permanently secured together over predetermined, adhered areas of said form;

the second sheet having predetermined, non-adhered areas on its inner face which are aligned with the detachable areas of the first sheet, the non-adhered areas being covered with a non-adhesive coating on the inner face facing said first sheet;

at least one portion of said form including one of said adhered areas being detachable from the remainder of the form to provide a predetermined mailing form part, each of the sheets having predetermined printed indicia on its outer face in said one adhered portion;

the inner face of the first sheet being coated with a layer of adhesive material for securing the first sheet to the second sheet, the adhesive layer in said detachable areas comprising said adhesive backing; and

the form having at least one tear line for detaching said one portion of the form from the remainder of the form, said portion including a pair of second tear lines extending perpendicular to said one tear line for detaching a part of said mailing form part from the remainder of said portion, and side strips on opposite sides of said portion outside said tear lines, the inner face of said second sheet being coated with non-adhesive material in said side strips.

Count II:

A special service mailing assembly for mailing an article requiring a special service, the assembly comprising:

a first sheet;

a second sheet directly attached to the first sheet, having a first section integrally formed with a second section, the first section including a label having an adhesive back side indicative of the special service, and the second section including a form, a first anchor portion having an adhesive back side and a second anchor portion having an adhesive back side wherein the anchor portions are located at opposite ends of the form, the form being independently detachable from the anchor portions and the label and further wherein the second sheet is removably attached to the first sheet by the adhesive back sides of the label, the first anchor portion and the second anchor portion.